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### **PUC APPROVES FARE INCREASES FOR BLUE AND GOLD FLEET**

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved Blue and Gold Fleet's requests to increase fares, effective within 30 days, for vessel service in San Francisco Bay as follows:

- Service between Tiburon and San Francisco will increase between \$0.75 and \$1.25 per one-way passenger fare;
- Service between Angel Island and San Francisco will increase \$0.50 per one-way passenger service for adults and children and \$1 for adult group fares;
- Service between Alameda/Oakland and San Francisco and Angel Island State Park will increase \$0.25 per one-way passenger fare.

Due to declines in ridership, which may be attributed to a decline in tourism, the downturn in the local economy, and the effects of the September 11 acts of terrorism, Blue and Gold has been operating at a loss. Even with the increases the company will not break even.

A previous Commission decision that temporarily increased offset fuel expenses expired June 30, 2002. As a result, Blue and Gold expects the Tiburon line will see a deficit of \$456,331; the Angel Island line a deficit of \$269,434; and the Alameda/Oakland and San Francisco line a deficit of \$603,713.

A request by Blue and Gold to increase fares in its service between Sausalito and San Francisco is pending before the Commission.

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